(c) Does not arise.

Casualty of army personnel in landmines along Indo-Pak borders

642.DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many army personnel lost their lives due to landmines along the Indo Pak borders recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) who had laid these landmines; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The details of the army personnel killed/injured due to landmines along the Indo-Pak borders recently are as under—

Killed- 50

Injured- 95

(c) The landmines fields are laid by the Indian Army.

(d) The Government have initiated steps to ensure that the new mines and fuzes are introduced to replace the old inventories.

Massive Pakistan army built-up along border

643.SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a massive Pakistan army built-up of menacing proportions with troops and armoured deployment along the international border and the line of control was noticed following the December 13, 2001 terrorist attack on Parliament;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to deal with the menace?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Movement of Pakistan Army troops and armour to Indo-Pakistan border was observed shortly after the terrorist attack on the Parliament House. The